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Re MUR 5926 – Republican Party of Minnesota et al

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This office represents the Republican Party of Minnesota ("RPM"), its Treasurer, Anthony Sutton, and its former Treasurer, Marina Taubenberger, in the above-captioned MUR.

In a letter dated August 16, 2007, we explained that RPM was proactively reviewing its accounting, bookkeeping, and reporting records for the period of time at issue in the original Complaint. To assist it in this endeavor, RPM had retained an outside accounting and reporting firm, and planned to file any and all amendments to its FEC disclosure reports in a comprehensive fashion. In the letter, we indicated that RPM anticipated completing this process by December 31, 2007.

RPM has been attempting to file amendments to its FEC disclosure reports for the last six weeks. Due to technical problems with the FEC electronic filing system outside of RPM's control, RPM has been unable to file its amended reports. The reporting firm hired by RPM to assist with the internal audit and reporting, Talent Paymaster, Inc., has corresponded with the RPM's FEC analyst, Quy Vuong, and the head of the Electronic Filing Office, Ken Lally, through repeated phone calls and email communications.¹ I also spoke via telephone with Ken Lally, who informed me

¹ A chart documenting Talent Paymaster's correspondence with the FEC, as well as copies of the e-mail communications, are attached as Exhibit A.

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that the problem with the electronic filing software was a technical glitch on the part of the FEC. This technical problem is reportedly affecting all committees attempting to file amendments to reports originally filed using older versions of FECFile than the version currently used by the FEC. Mr. Lally offered to call your office to confirm that the delay in filing the amendments was not the fault of RPM, but rather a technical problem that the FEC is trying to resolve, and I subsequently relayed this information to you by telephone.

Since our telephone conversation, RPM has been unable to file any amendments to its FEC reports, despite repeated efforts to do so. RPM has been told by the FEC that the technical problems with the software will be fixed soon, and RPM will then file its amendments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc Ken Lally, Head of Electronic Filing Office

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